

DISBARMENT. In the Matter of Daniel J. Anker, No. 669, 2006 (Dec. 26, 2006, as amended Jan. 8, 2007).

The Delaware Supreme Court ordered the disbarment of a Delaware lawyer, Daniel J. Anker, based upon his felony criminal convictions for theft and conspiracy involving funds held in trust for clients and other persons in his law practice.

Prior to imposing this final sanction of disbarment, the Court suspended Anker on an interim basis in July 2003, having found that he had engaged in professional misconduct and posed a significant threat of substantial harm to the public and to the orderly administration of justice. In August 2005, after a jury trial in Superior Court, Anker was convicted of six counts of felony theft in excess of \$100,000; three counts of felony theft in excess of \$50,000; and one count of felony conspiracy in the second degree. On October 31, 2006, the Delaware Supreme Court affirmed the judgment of the Superior Court.

Rule 8.4(b) of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct provides that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to "commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects." Anker's criminal convictions constituted his violation of Rule 8.4(b). Pursuant to Rule 17(e) of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, Anker and the ODC signed and submitted for the Court's approval a stipulation seeking Anker's disbarment without further proceedings.